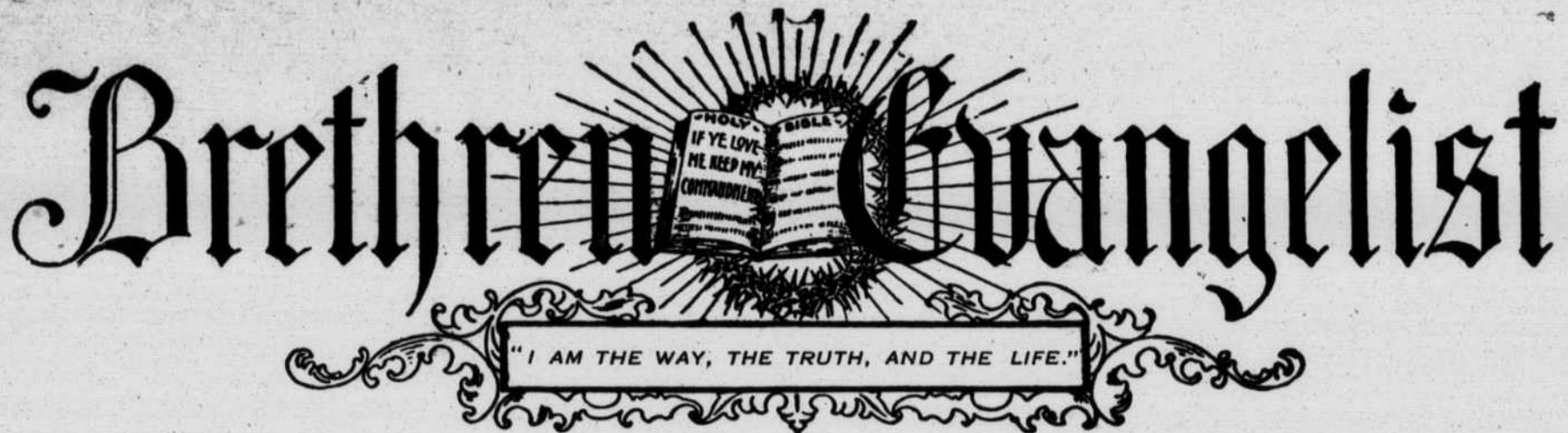


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Editorial.

THE paper will be sent from now to the end of the year for fifty cents, including all the July numbers. With a united effort we ought to be able to add four hundred subscribers to the list at this rate.

THE program as announced last week makes the date of the Conference August 26 to August 31. We are informed by the local committee of Johnstown that we are by no means limited to that time, but can have September 1 and 2 if desired and needed.

THE Chicago Mission has organized another Sunday-school with eighty children present the first Sunday. There is a great work awaiting the Brethren church in our cities, and the whole brotherhood should come to the support of those who have begun the work.

THE members of the committee on "Resolutions" at the Ohio State Conference will now please get their Bibles and find the place where Paul gives the admonition to "be temperate in all things." It is for the benefit of an anxious inquirer. See "Our Bible School."

IF you have promised your pastor a certain amount of money per month see to it that he gets it regularly, for he may make promises on the strength of what you have promised him, and if unable to meet them, the responsibility will be upon the congregation.

HERE is a sample package of good literature which we will send to your address for twenty-five cents: 1. The Story of Jesus, 10 cents. 2. The Philosophy of the Ordinances, 10 cents. 3. Brethren Annual, 10 cents. 4. Parable of Horrors, 5 cents. Total 35 cents. Sent on receipt of 25 cents. The package will also be mailed to any one sending us one new yearly subscriber.

AND still the pencil-written manuscript comes in. Brethren, did you read what we said in last week's issue on this subject? Why persistently disregard these plain rules of the office? If you had any idea of the trouble you were making the compositors and editor with your pencil-written copy you would not write again with pencil.

THE giving that does us good and the kind that the Lord will bless is not that which we do not "feel" as we say. It is the giving that we *do* feel that makes it a sacrifice. The giving that does not involve any sacrifice is not true giving in the Bible sense. Measured by this standard the Brethren church could give yearly \$25,000 more than it is giving.

OUR premium offer, tho it does not appear in this issue, has not been withdrawn. The five books previously advertised on page sixteen will be sent to any one sending us one *new* yearly subscription. This offer will be withdrawn in a few weeks and we advise our readers to take advantage of it now. If you prefer we will mail you postpaid a copy of "Samantha at Saratoga" for one new subscriber. Of this book 100,000 have been sold at \$2.00 each.

A VERY interesting parallel between Kansas and Nebraska is furnished by *Ram's Horn*. In prohibition Kansas the sales of beer in 1896 were 6,039 barrels; in high license Nebraska, with 300,000 less of a population, the sales in the same year were 161,317 barrels. The assessed valuation of the personal property of Topeka, Kans., is \$1,401,295; that of Lincoln, Neb., with 10,000 more population, it is \$596,500, less than one-half the former. Lincoln receives \$36,000 revenue from thirty-six licensed saloons, yet the citizens pay taxes, for city purposes only, at the rate of 35½ mills. Topeka does not receive a cent of revenue from any saloon, gambling den or bawdy house, yet her rate of taxation for city purposes is

but 22½ mills. Topeka paid her teachers and instructors last year an average monthly salary of \$69.98; Lincoln paid \$54.15. Notwithstanding these figures liquor men would have us believe that the saloon is an essential factor in the finances of city government. In the financial, physical and moral wreck of humanity the saloon is an important factor, in nothing else.

A WRITER in one of our magazines undertakes to show the social value of the saloon. The saloon has a social feature—we do not like to call it a value—but a social feature, a great social feature, and the only proper name for it is social damnation. It is surprising that an intelligent man would in this day undertake to apologize for the existence of the saloon. We challenge the entire civilized world to point out one single redeeming feature of the saloon as it now exists. It is a school of vice, crime, destruction, death and hell.

IT is a lamentable fact that the vast majority of church members have never yet realized what it is to live the higher life of God in Christ. It is difficult to see in what particular their life is different from that of the moral man. Of the sweet joy and blessed peace that comes to one thro close communion with God they know comparatively nothing, and thus they miss the richest experiences of the religious life. Whether such will be saved or not we can not say, but certain it is they fail to realize the highest and richest joys of the Christian life.

ONE source of domestic infelicity and of divorces is very forcibly stated by Mr. D. L. Moody. Our young people, especially the ladies, will do well to give heed to this warning from one who has made very extensive observations. He says: "The most subtle and deceitful hope which ever existed, and one which wrecks the happiness of many a young girl's life, is the common delusion that a woman can best reform a man by marrying him. It